

Board MeetingApril 5, 2022.....12:00 noon

Board Members Present:

Dr. Bruce E. Bodner, Board Member
Dr. Bryan Bagdasian, Board Member

Staff Present: Heather L. Gallant, Executive Director, Adam Vickstrom, Assistant Executive Director, Daniel Ross, Brian McCracken, Kevin Duquette, Michelle Borrello, Michele Bousquet

Others Present: Diane Heath

1. Motion: By Dr. Bodner to approve March Board Meeting Minutes. Dr. Bodner seconded. All in favor. So voted.

2. Sanitary Inspectors Monthly Reports were submitted for the Board’s review:

Daniel Ross stated with the warmer weather he is getting more nuisance and trash complaints. Things are going well. He will be meeting with the legal department regarding the ticketing program. Unfortunately the fines are not being followed through by the City.

Eileen North reported things are going OK with her routine inspections. She has opened 3 new businesses. Hometown Tacos Locos which is located in the Globe Liquors parking lot, Classic Pizza on Winthrop Street which changed ownership and Sol de Mexico which is located at the former Olive Garden. Currently she has no issues to report to the Board.

Brian McCracken stated that his routine inspections are going pretty good. Restaurants are back to the way they should be. There are no problems he has to bring in front of the Board. Things are going well.

3. Public Health Nurse Monthly Report

Michelle Borrello reported things are going pretty good. Last month there were 21 confirmed cases of the flu, 31 suspect cases of the flu, 2 probable cases of Lyme disease, 6 suspect cases of Lyme disease and one TB case. The Board of Health still has 60 cases of COVID test kits left to distribute. On March 23, 2022, at the Trucchi’s Supermarket on Tremont Street, close to 900 COVID test kits were given out. On March 31, 2022, COVID test kits were handed out at the Council on Aging’s Grab N Go. On April 14, 2022, the Council on Aging will be having another Grab N Go. COVID tests kits and pamphlets regarding ticks will be given out at that event. The pamphlets will have information about how to prevent being bit by a tick and different diseases ticks can cause. Little cards will also be handed out that will identify different types of ticks.

4. Assistant Executive Director Monthly Report

Adam Vickstrom reported last month was business as usual. He has done the body art establishments' inspections. He is working on the tanning renewals. They all will be inspected this month and permits will be issued. He had a court date regarding 434 Tremont Street. The court case will be dismissed. The tenants moved out and the landlord made the majority of corrections.

5. Executive Director Monthly Report

Heather Gallant reported that everything is going well. She continues to work on COVID cases. It is an ongoing issue. She coordinates with the school nurse manager and the other school nurses on any school related case.

6. Old Business:

a. Taunton Sanitary Landfill Updates:

- a. Kevin Duquette stated he got an email from Peter Richard stating he was unable to attend today's meeting. Peter reported to him everything is on track for the capping which will start in May and will be completed by September 2022. The gas collection system seems to be operating as normal. There are no odor issues and everything seems to be going well over there.
- b. Waste Management – no representative present
- c. Fortistar- no representative present

b. Western Bristol County Tobacco Prevention Collaborative – Updates

Diane Heath stated they have been performing compliance checks in Taunton with their underage buyers. Out of the 59 tobacco retailers they have done all but 11 retailers so far. One retailer sold to a minor and was issued a \$1,000.00 fine. They will inspect the rest of the retailers by the end of June.

c. Discussion of fine for businesses operating without a permit or license (continued)

Heather Gallant discussed this with the Law Department and they suggested on sending a certified letter to the business stating they have to get their documentation in by a certain amount of time. If they don't the Board of Health will go out to the establishment and shut them down. The option of giving the businesses a fine is put on hold. Heather plans on having further discussion regarding this with the Law Department.

7. New Business

- a. Miscellaneous - none

8. Communications:

- a. Miscellaneous - none

9. Any Other Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance - none

Schedule the Next Monthly Board Meeting:

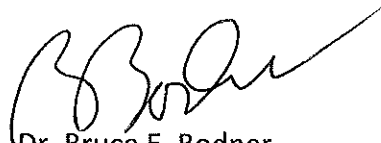
Motion: By Dr. Bryan Bagdasian to have the next meeting May 10, 2022. Dr. Bruce Bodner seconded. All in favor. So voted.


The next monthly board meeting will be May 10, 2022 at 12:00 noon.

Motion: For adjournment of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Charles A. Thayer
Chairman


Dr. Bruce E. Bodner
Board Member


Dr. Bryan Bagdasian
Board Member